

DRAFT – Attachment A
Minutes of the Population Technical Advisory Committee
Thursday, March 1, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Arizona State University – Tom Rex ¹
University of Arizona – Alberta Charney ¹
Department of Commerce – Jessica Smothermon
Department of Economic Security – Dennis Doby / Peter Kozy
Department of Health Services – Richard Porter
Department of Revenue – Diane Sosinski/Rosemary Soto
Department of Transportation – Jami Garrison
Department of Water Resources – John Fortune
Maricopa Association of Governments – Anubhav Bagley/Jeff Romine
Pima Association of Governments – Dave Taylor ¹
Central Arizona Association of Governments – Jack Tomasik
Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona – Norm Petersen
* Department of Environmental Quality – David Lillie
* State Land Department – Mila Hill
* City of Phoenix -- Tim Tilton

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Northern Arizona University
Department of Education
Northern Arizona Council of Governments
Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization
League of Arizona Cities & Towns
Western Arizona Council of Governments
County Supervisors Association of Arizona
The Navajo Nation
* Department of Insurance
* Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization
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ALSO PRESENT:

Allen Barnes, Department of Economic Security
Warren Brown, Cornell University ¹
Samuel Colón, Department of Economic Security
Roy Norse – City of Phoenix
Max Enterline – City of Phoenix
Mobin Qaheri – Department of Housing

¹ Participating by teleconference

* Non-voting member

1. Call to Order.

Pete Kozy called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

2. Approval of Minutes of Prior POPTAC Meeting.

Pete Kozy asked for comments or corrections of the minutes from the prior meeting. Anubhav Bagley said the he was present at the meeting and not accounted for. Pete Kozy called for a motion to approve the minutes.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jack Tomasik and seconded by Norm Petersen. The motion carried by majority vote.

3. New business/Call to the Audience..

No new business

4. Approval of July 1, 2006 Population Estimates which include recommendations by Dr. Brown and the methodology sub-committee

David Lillie gave a summary of the proceedings of the methodology meeting. At that meeting there were discussions of the five options prepared by Dr. Brown which was a task from the February 9th POPTAC meeting. Discussion led to the recommendation of Approach #5, the Maricopa-Pinal approach. Richard Porter asked the group if there had been discussion of other cross county grouping. The answer was yes and that we can expect this in the future. Pete Kozy was asked if we intended to stop rounding numbers as discussed at the last POPTAC meeting. He answered in the affirmative and that it would be an agenda item at the April 27th POPTAC meeting and brought to a vote. Pete Kozy stated to the committee that the jurisdiction population figures on the approved Approach #5 changed after the sub-committed vote. He explained that this was so MAG could adhere to their methodology. Pete also said that DES was OK with that since MAG still controlled to the county total that the sub-committee approved.

A motion to approve the Approach #5 as submitted in the meeting packet by Jack Tomasik and seconded by Norm Petersen. The motion carried by majority vote. There was one abstention (PAG).

5. POPTAC methodology continuous meeting strategy

Pete explained in some detail the idea behind having a continuous methodology meeting using the technology. He stated that DES was working with their IT group to see if MS SharePoint could be used. This technology was designed for just for what is trying to be accomplished. It was stressed that much efficiency and productivity could be gained by such a system. Concerns surfaced about the need for face to face meetings (Tim Tilton) and the need to check constantly for changes on the site (Jami Garrison). It was stressed that face to face meetings would still take place and that the alert process in the software negated the need to continually check for updates. Dennis Doby stated that we are aiming for increased communications and a gain in the productivity of the sub-committee. Anubhav Bagley

brought up a concern about the possible violation of the open meeting law. Pete Kozy said that the Attorney General is going to give us an opinion possibly as soon as 3/2. Jack Tomasik was concerned that this may put the July 1, 2007 estimates behind schedule. He was assured by DES that we will still proceed with normal operations pending the approval of the new technology. Anubhav asked if we could be more detailed in our minutes. Pete explained that our tape recorder had crashed and we are trying to get new equipment through DES. The notes would have been better if our equipment had not failed.

6. Meeting Summary/Evaluation

Pete Kozy distributed an evaluation form for the meeting and asked members to complete the evaluation.

7. Adjournment

By Chairperson